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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All OIC's and NCOIC's of units that are redeploying to home station/reserve centers are required to contact S3, MAJ Martin Guillen, 5035th GSU NLT 1700hrs Thursday, 24 Aug 06, to receive instructions on the redeployment plan. This includes all supporting units (91st, 104th and 63d RRC). Contact by telephone (562-338-8912) or in person at Bldg. 243. Purpose is to brief designated leaders on redeployment procedures and schedules.

Thursday, August 24, 2006

- Check/clean up your billeting area
- Check for loose items and put away
- Organize personal items in preparation for packing up and moving out
- Check for any hand-receipted items and ensure all is accounted for in order to expedite return of goods
- Leave your area clean to save time when you check out
- **1700 EVENING BBQ AT MISSION SAN ANTONIO**
- Bus service will be staged in parking lot near Bldg 208, and across from swimming pool.
- Buses will run continuously, or you can walk. It is 1.2 miles up the road from the billeting area.

Friday, August 25, 2006

- Check with your Senior Unit Leader for redeployment procedures for YOUR unit
- Check your billeting area
- Clean up and check for loose items
- Organize personal items in preparation for packing up and moving out
- Check for any hand-receipted items and ensure all is accounted for
- **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR AREA CLEAN**
- **1800 CATHOLIC MASS AT MISSION SAN ANTONIO**
- Bus service will be staged in parking lot near Bldg 208, and across from swimming pool. Buses will run regularly
- **1900 FORMATION FOR AWARD CEREMONY AT SOFTBALL FIELD. MANDATORY ATTENDANCE.**
- ****Recommendation:** those wishing to attend the Mass at 1800, should clean up after training before going to Mass, and be in uniform and prepared to proceed directly to the awards ceremony after Mass. Buses will transport you from Mission San Antonio to the softball field to arrive by 1900.



Lt. Col. Robert G. Hartley, commander 2-360th Training Support Battalion, 91st Division, personally greeted USAR Ambassador Howard Schwartz Wednesday when he visited the convoy operations training lanes. In spite of 100°+ weather, Schwartz bumped along in the PAO HWMVV in his Kevlar to see first-hand the training the Soldiers are participating in. "I will take all this back to the veterans groups and community leaders who always ask me what is being done to train our Soldiers," he said. The USAR Ambassadors provide a valuable link between the military and the public in their continued efforts to gain support and understanding of Soldiers and their missions.

P. Ryan, PAO



BLOOD AND FIRE

Soldiers who were in training Sunday morning and could not attend Mass will be afforded the opportunity to attend Mass this Friday. This Mass is being provided by the Mission priest as a service and a favor to Pacific Survivor Soldiers. It is not regularly scheduled, ie: the priest is going out of his way to do this with no compensation from the Army. - Chaplain Sones



Soldiers back from deployment share experiences in Cultural Awareness Class

Sgt. 1st Class David Krzysik knew that shedding off his grimy desert fatigues and getting them washed depended on how well he and his leaders treated the Iraqi tribal sheik in their area of operations.

“Without knowing their customs and cultural ways, there was no way we could work with the locals who got us water to do laundry,” Krzysik said.

Krzysik, assigned to the 63rd RRC's 925th Transportation Company Detachment in Tucson, Ariz., was one of nearly 25 Soldiers who received Cultural Awareness and Terrorism training Monday at Operation Pacific Survivor. He said his experience serving in Iraq 2004-2005 provided a valid backdrop to this training at Fort Hunter Liggett and drummed home the importance of understanding Arab culture.

“Cultural awareness is definitely needed. We have to understand their culture in order to understand what we're doing there,” said Krzysik, who is a truckmaster.

Krzysik said he remembered conducting humanitarian missions that fostered a good relationship between the Iraqi people and American forces. Many times, his unit transported supplies to orphanages and schools. “They accepted us on those missions, they were very friendly.”

As for what he and his unit might have left the people of Iraq, Krzysik simply said, “Hope.”



Article and photo by Master Sgt. Ted Bartimus



Nearly 30 Soldiers of the 5035th Garrison Support Unit set out at “O-dark-thirty” Wednesday morning and road-marched a grueling two miles up Antler Hill north of the Fort Hunter Liggett garrison area. Despite the chilly morning temp, the trek caused a hefty sweat. Here Sgt. Corina Flores, Spc. Victor Saavedra, Sgt. Makina Olmeda, Staff Sgt. Irma Espinal and Sgt. David Vaughn trudge up the first leg of the trail. The total distance up the prominence and down is four miles. The trail route is the brainchild of Maj. Tony Cassagnol, the Pacific Survivor Exercise S1. Cassagnol has made the hike on several mornings since the beginning of the exercise.

Chaplain's quote of the day - “The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, makes the most reliable soldier on earth.”

Stonewall Jackson

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